



ME 278 (AUG) 3:0

A practical introduction to data analysis for engineers

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Course Description:

- Brushing up of topics in Linear Algebra - Matrix manipulations, solutions of linear equations - LU/QR/SVD/Krylov methods
- Introduction to machine learning - **getting started with TensorFlow/PyTorch**
- Supervised learning - Regressions, classifications, overfitting and generalization
- Unsupervised learning - Clustering, dimensionality reduction, Self-supervised learning
- Introduction to optimization problems - gradient descent, matrix-free methods like CG - **getting started with `scipy.optimize` and `scipy.sparse.linalg` modules**
- Constrained and unconstrained optimization problems - Lagrange multipliers, linear programming, quadratic programming,
- Convex sets, functions and types of convex optimization problems - **getting started with `CVX_OPT`/`CVX_PY`**
- Discrete and continuous random variables. Bayes' rule, Gibbs sampling, Bayesian inference - **getting started with `pymc`**

Prerequisites:

Resources:

1. Probabilistic Machine Learning: An introduction, Kevin P Murphy, The MIT Press [<https://probml.github.io/pml-book/book1.html>]
2. Linear Algebra and Learning from Data, Gilbert Strang [<https://math.mit.edu/~gs/learningfromdata/>]

Outcomes:

Course website: